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SYNOPSIS: On 1/8/87, as a result of widespread media stories concerning the imminent indictment of [redacted] former Kings County Democratic Chairman Meade Esposito, Organized Crime Strike Force Chief [redacted] Eastern District of New York (EDNY), requested that the Department of Justice (DOJ) initiate an investigation to determine the source of the leak of Federal grand jury (FGJ) information.

DETAILS: As you were previously advised on 1/6/87, [redacted] contacted the New York Office (NYO) and advised he had information that Esposito would be indicted on 1/12/87. He further advised that [redacted]

On 1/7/87, [redacted] contacted the NYO and requested the NYO confirm information he had obtained [redacted]

The NYO would neither confirm nor comment on this matter to the media.

CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS: On 1/8/87, widespread media stories were printed and/or broadcast concerning the imminent indictment of Esposito. Based on the specific nature of information printed and/or broadcast, it is believed that this information was obtained from [redacted]

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Attached hereto are articles from the New York Post, New York Daily News, New York Times and New York Newsday, all appearing in the morning editions on 1/8/87.

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BIAGGI TAPES BOMBSHELL NEW YORK POST

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Doctor's
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Henry Edelson and his bride, Penny, cut up at their wedding five years ago. Today, Edelson, a doctor, is accused of bigamy, marrying a woman he's been living with without bothering to get divorced from wife No. 1.

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FEDS HAVE BIAGGI, ESPOSITO IN WIRETAP BOMBSHELL

By MURRAY WEISS

REP. Mario Biaggi's secretly recorded gripe to former Brooklyn Democratic boss Meade Esposito about a \$2500 Florida hotel bill is at the heart of a federal grand jury probe, The Post has learned.

"How come it's on my bill?" Biaggi demanded after his January 1986 American Express statement included the bill for his December vacation.

"You sent me down there," he reminded Esposito.

Federal authorities say the trip was part of a deal in which the Bronx congressman agreed to help a near-bankrupt Brooklyn ship repair company in exchange for the paid vacation.

The company, Coastal Dry Dock & Repair Corp., owed Esposito's insurance firm more than \$600,000 in premiums. One source said Esposito complained to Biaggi that "I'm being ruined" by Coastal.

Biaggi contends that any efforts for Coastal were only in keeping with his job.

The Post reported yesterday that federal prosecutors believe a grand jury has heard enough evidence to indict both Biaggi and his long-time political ally.

The Post has also learned that:

- Charges being considered against Biaggi include misuse of office and obstruction of justice.

- Brooklyn U.S. Attorney Andrew Maloney is probing connections between organized crime, the Brooklyn Democratic organi-

Pol's voice takes feds by surprise

MARIO Biaggi's troubles began when his voice unexpectedly turned up in phone taps during a heavyweight organized crime investigation.

Federal officials say the FBI was probing the Genovese crime family and the gambling empire allegedly headed by Frederick (Fritzi) Giovannelli.

Former Brooklyn Democratic boss Meade Esposito was a long-time Giovannelli friend — even serving as godfather to his son. When Esposito surfaced on Giovannelli wiretap — bragging about making judgeship deals — the

probe took a new turn. Sources said it was transferred to the FBI's political corruption unit, which started tapping Esposito's home and business lines.

The probe into Esposito and the mob marked a potential breakthrough in information about the interaction of politics and organized crime.

Totaly unexpectedly, Biaggi's voice surfaced on the wiretap, talking about Coastal Dry Dock, a failing ship repair firm that owed Esposito \$600,000.

— Murray Weiss

Phone call to Esposito

**'How come it's
[\$2500]
on my
bill?
You sent
me down
there'**

— Mario Biaggi, in
taped conversation

zation and the sale of judgeships.

Sources said the obstruction charges stem from a wiretapped conversation in which Biaggi and Esposito allegedly agreed on a cover-up story about who paid the hotel bill.

One source said that after complaining to Esposito, Biaggi

remembered that he gave the hotel an imprint of his credit card when he checked in.

Biaggi paid the bill, but Esposito agreed to reimburse him through Beaumont Printing, one of his companies, sources said.

When FBI agents quizzed Biaggi as part of an ongoing probe into his connections

with Coastal Drydock, he told them he had been wrongly billed and that Esposito was supposed to pay the tab.

Sources said Biaggi — unaware that the veteran Brooklyn pol's line was tapped — then phoned Esposito and told him how he had explained the bill to the FBI.

As part of the probe, FBI agents seized records of Coastal Dry Dock, Beaumont Printing, and Berres, Visone & Rice, a Manhattan insurance company owned by Esposito.

Most of Biaggi's records dating back to Jan. 1, 1986, have also been seized.

Sources said Maloney's judgeship probe stems from wiretaps on both Esposito and his longtime friend Frederick (Fritzi) Giovannelli, a Genovese crime family capo charged in the January 1986 slaying of Detective Anthony Venditti.



Mario Biaggi's complaint over billing of a \$2500 Florida vacation bill figures in a federal grand jury probe of corruption and conspiracy to obstruct justice.

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SECRET TAPES 'TRIP UP BIAGGI'

Esposito, others heard
on federal wiretaps

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**British lion or
Prince Wimp?**



Britain's Prince Edward seemed model of a Royal Marine last July. Now, a black eye and bloody nose have him ready to quit as marine trainee.



Tapes said to trip Biaggi and Meade

By JERRY CAPECI

Daily News Staff Writer

Secret FBI tapes are the basis for planned indictments against Bronx Rep. Mario Biaggi and retired Brooklyn Democratic boss Meade Esposito in connection with an illicit scheme to save a failing ship repair firm, sources told the Daily News yesterday.

The taped conversations between the long-time political allies and others show that Esposito paid for a Florida vacation for Biaggi in return for the congressman's influence on behalf of Coastal Dry Dock and its president, Charles Montanti, the sources said.

The tapes indicate that Esposito, 80, disguised the payoff as a legal fee paid by his Beaumont Printing Co. to well-known Manhattan defense lawyer James LaRossa, according to sources having knowledge of the transcripts.

Sources said Esposito funded about \$3,000 to Biaggi for the Dec. 22-Jan. 3 vacation last year through LaRossa's law firm.

LaRossa, not a target of the investigation, said he "cooperated fully" with the investigation.

Brooklyn Organized Crime Task Force Chief Edward Donald sent a proposed indictment against Esposito

and Biaggi to Washington this week for review by Justice Department officials, according to sources.

Neither McDonald nor Brooklyn U.S. Attorney Edward Maloney would comment on the latest developments in the investigation, which grew out of telephone taps and bugs placed by the FBI at a Manhattan insurance brokerage firm that Esposito controls.

Sources said the proposed charges include bribery and obstruction of justice.

The sources said that on Dec. 17, 1985, Biaggi told Esposito: "By the way, we've been doing wonders for Montanti. On the city side, we've been working very hard with them.... On the federal side, we've been getting them money."

Received \$1.2M

Two days later, on Dec. 19, Esposito told Joseph Martuccello, his partner in the Serrea, Visone & Rice brokerage firm, that Montanti had acknowledged the receipt of \$1.2 million through Biaggi's influence, sources said.

The next day, Martuccello called Esposito and reported, "Chief, we got Charlie all squared away. Thank God." Later in the conversation, Esposito says, "We got to get him two more million."

Two weeks earlier, on

Dec. 2, after meeting Biaggi for lunch, Esposito told Martuccello, "We had a good meeting and we're going to town on it.... Everybody's going to get involved here." Sources said the remark was a reference to other congressmen approached by Biaggi on behalf of Coastal Dry Dock.

At the time, the Navy was contesting some \$28 million in invoices the financially troubled firm had submitted for payment, and Coastal was having trouble paying its debts.

Coastal, in the Brooklyn

Navy Yard, filed for bankruptcy last May, owing Esposito's insurance brokerage firm \$613,000.

During one telephone conversation with LaRossa, Esposito told the lawyer: "Remember the arrangement I made for Biaggi down at the Bonaventure (Spa) thing."

LaRossa: "Yeah."

Esposito: "And you billed me."

LaRossa: "Yes."

Esposito: "I want to repeat that.... Charge it to yourself then, and you charge Beaumont."

LaRossa: "No problem, Meade."

NO THROAT CANCER Elton John recovering

SYDNEY—Pop music star Elton John does not have throat cancer and is expected to make a full recovery following successful throat surgery this week, his doctor said yesterday.

John's Australian publicist, Patti Mostyn, said the 40-year-old singer had been released from St. Vincent's Private Hospital, where he underwent a 90-minute operation Tuesday on his vocal cords.

"The biopsy has shown that Elton John has a nonmalignant lesion. He is expected to make a full recovery," the singer's doctor, Dr. John Tonkin, said in a statement.

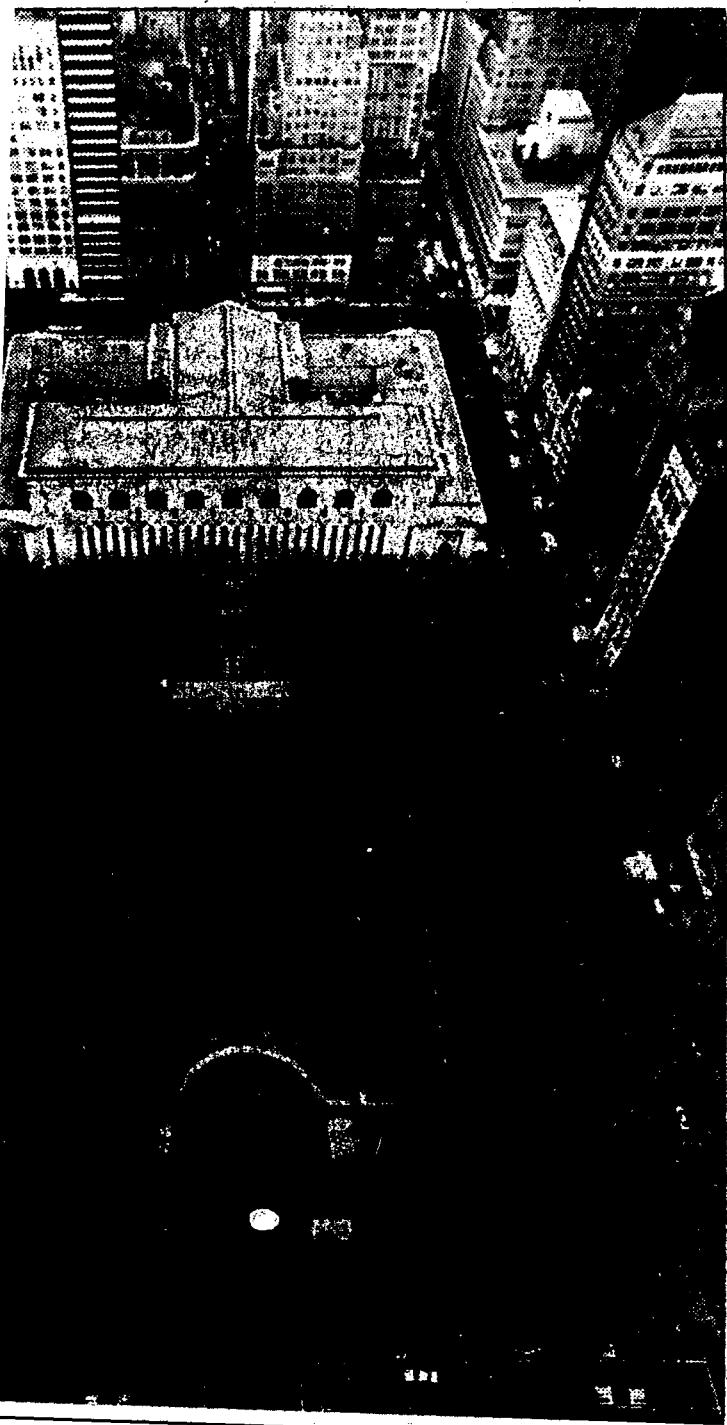
Australian newspapers had reported that he was suffering from nodules on his vocal cords, but the hospital did not confirm the reports.

The New York Times

Metropolitan News

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U.S. Said to Ask Approval Of a Move to Indict Biaggi

By SELWYN RAAB

Federal prosecutors in Brooklyn have asked the Justice Department for approval to seek indictments against Representative Mario Biaggi of the Bronx and the former Brooklyn Democratic leader Meade H. Esposito on charges of bribery and obstruction of justice, law-enforcement officials said yesterday.

A memorandum outlining the findings of a six-month investigation and the potential charges against both men was submitted last week to Justice Department officials by the head of the department's Organized Crime Strike Force in Brooklyn, Edward A. McDonald, according to investigators familiar with the case.

Justice Department officials who agreed to be interviewed on the condition of anonymity, said the proposed indictment concerned the roles of Esposito and Mr. Biaggi, who is a Democrat, in trying to obtain financial aid in 1985 and 1986 for the Coastal Dry Dock and Repair Company in the Brooklyn Navy Yard.

Biaggi Denies Wrongdoing

Over the last 20 years, Mr. Biaggi and Mr. Esposito have been the targets of several Federal inquiries that were unrelated to the current one. None of the previous investigations resulted in an indictment.

Mr. Biaggi, in a statement issued by his Washington office, denied wrongdoing. "I maintain that I have engaged in no wrongdoing and I am confident that will be borne out when the entire process is completed," he said. "I have cooperated fully in all aspects of this investigation and will continue to do so."

Mr. Esposito did not return telephone calls made to his office in Manhattan. Mr. Esposito's lawyer, Ronald G. Russo, was not in New York City yesterday, according to his receptionist, and could not be reached for comment.

Federal officials and investigators familiar with the case say they believe Esposito and Biaggi are guilty. Mr. Biaggi and Mr. Esposito are both members of the House Democratic Caucus.

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Manhattan, pleaded not guilty and was ordered held without bail pending a hearing Jan. 21.

The District Attorney, Robert Morgenthau, said Mr. Scott entered the closed restaurant at Broadway and 17th Street and shot four members of the family that owns the sit while they were cleaning. The killed were Daljit Ahluwalia, 31 Manhattan, and Guljinder Ahluwalia, 35, of Queens.

Mr. Scott, who was arrested last month, is charged with second-degree murder, second-degree attempted murder, first-degree robbery, first-degree attempted robbery and second-degree assault, Mr. Morgenthau said. (A)

The New York Times/Neal Boenzi
City Councilman Andrew J. Stein left, conferring with Peter F. Vallone, majority leader, at City Hall.

announced the creation of a two-man committee to look into the body's role in the killing. The Mayor also has asked the Council to do so.

The City Council, which is run by the Councilman and the majority leader, is the legislative branch of the city government. It also has the power to regulate and oversee the city's financial

affairs, including the collection of taxes, the budget and the city's financial system.

Mr. Vallone, the majority leader, was pleased by the Councilman's statement. "I think it's important that the Council take a stand on this issue," he said.

He added, "We have to make sure

that the city is not complicit in the killing of the Ahluwalias. We were initiated and supported by Mayor Koch."

Mr. Vallone also said the Council would authorize a celebration if the Council won their game Sunday with the New England Patriots in the National Football League playoffs, with the win-

ner to play in the Super Bowl two weeks later. The celebration to honor the Giants would be held after the Super Bowl, he said.

Mr. Koch has said the city should not be host to a celebration for the Giants because they had left New York to play their home games in Giants Stadium at

the Meadowlands in New Jersey.

Mr. Vallone, who would not give details of the proposed celebration, said he understood the Mayor's position and did not blame him. The Councilman said that he, "as a long-suffering Giant fan" and a former football player, thought a celebration was appropriate.

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return to Mr. Biaggi, positioning other politicians, like Sen. Charles E. Schumer and Rep. Carolyn B. Maloney, to support his financial interests.

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The officials said the proposed joint indictment of Mr. Esposito and Mr. Biaggi stemmed from a broader investigation by the Strike Force into links between political offices and people accused of being involved in organized crime.

Mr. Ferrario said he knew of no other "intervention" by Mr. Biaggi and was unaware of any dealings Coastal had with Mr. Esposito.

Federal authorities obtained documents from Coastal but Mr. Ferrario declined to say what they concerned and if they had been subpoenaed. The top legal officials of Coastal, Mr. Montant, the president, and his son, Michael J. Montant, the executive vice president, did not return telephone calls.

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All Strike Force cases that are considered significant must be reviewed by top Justice Department officials before an indictment can be sought. The memorandum also was submitted to the United States Attorney in the Eastern District, Andrew J. Maloney, whose jurisdiction includes Brooklyn.

Justice Department officials, who have reviewed Mr. McDonald's findings, said they expected he would be given approval to seek indictments. The case, they added, is expected to go before the grand jury within a month.

Mr. McDonald, Mr. Maloney and Mr. Margolis declined to comment.

Mr. Biaggi, who is 69 years old, has represented a Bronx Congressional district since 1968.

The 80-year-old Mr. Esposito was the leader of the Democratic Party in Brooklyn, the country's biggest Democratic county organization, for 16 years before quitting the post in 1984.

Ad Agency An Giving to the

By THOMAS W. ENNIS

Business concerns and an advertising agency are among the contributors to the 75th-annual appeal of The New York Times Neediest Cases Fund.

Employees of Della Femina Travano & Partners, a Manhattan advertising agency, gave \$3,000. A \$50 gift to each of the eight social-service organizations that distribute the contributions to the fund was made by Manic

Embattled Biaggi Stands Firm

By Rita Ciolfi

and Anthony M. DeStefano

As Justice Department officials consider indicting him on bribery charges, Rep. Mario Biaggi said yesterday that he did nothing wrong and that he would be cleared in a probe of his activity in connection with a financially strapped Brooklyn ship repair firm.

"I maintain that I have engaged in no wrongdoing and am confident that this will be borne out when the entire process is completed," Biaggi said in a statement released by his spokesman, Mortimer Matz.

"I have cooperated fully in all the aspects of this investigation and will continue to do so," Biaggi said in his statement. Biaggi, a Democrat, thus week began his 10th term representing the 19th Congressional District in the Bronx.

Meade Esposito
Newsday / Dick Yurwood

A memorandum recommending the indictment of Biaggi, 69, and former Brooklyn Democratic party boss Meade Esposito on bribery and obstruction of justice charges has been submitted by the Brooklyn federal organized crime strike force to Eastern District U.S. Attorney Andrew Maloney and Justice Department officials in Washington, according to law enforcement sources.

One federal source, who asked not to be identified, said that approval of the indictment request was likely in the next two or three weeks. Neither strike force chief Edward McDonald nor Maloney would comment.

Strike force officials have been probing Biaggi and the 80-year-old Esposito since at least June, when federal agents seized records at two Esposito-owned firms: Serres, Visons & Rice, a

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Rep. Mario Biaggi
Newsday / Alan Rabin

Assault Case Is Dropped

By Josh Friedman

A New Haven judge yesterday dismissed assault charges against former Bronx Democratic boss Stanley Friedman and his wife for allegedly hitting a Daily News photographer in November.

New Haven Superior Court Judge Paul M. Foti threw out the charges at the request of Assistant Connecticut State's Attorney Burton Kaplan after Kaplan held a long conference yesterday morning with Friedman, his wife, Jackie, photographer Robert Graubard and their attorneys.

The Friedmans and Graubard were each charged with third-degree assault after an incident Nov. 25 at the Colony Inn, five blocks from the New Haven federal court house where Friedman had been found guilty a few hours before of engineering bribes to get city Parking Violations Bureau contracts.

The Friedmans were preparing to leave the inn, which had served as defense headquarters during the 10-week trial, when Graubard approached them to take a picture and an altercation took place. She accused them of throwing her to the ground. They accused her of hitting Jackie Friedman with a camera.

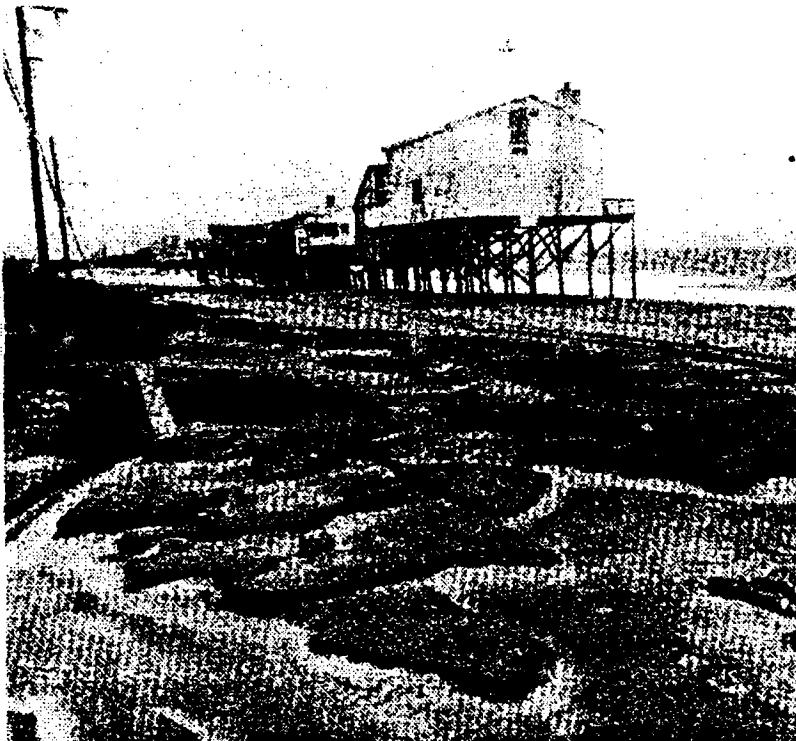
Kaplan confirmed in an interview that he told Foti in court that neither party wanted to pursue the case in criminal court and he saw "no reason" to go on with it. He said a civil suit might be filed.

Graubard's attorney, Stamford lawyer Peter Truebner, said yesterday that Graubard "tentatively" planned to sue Friedman in civil court sometime in the future. Friedman's attorney, Thomas Puccio said, "it's up to Stanley."

Truebner said Kaplan had been "distinctly unenthusiastic" about pursuing the case criminally and encouraged the parties to drop it. But he said there was "absolutely no" sign that any political pressure had been brought on either the prosecutor or the judge. Kaplan and Truebner said they had never talked with Friedman or Puccio before yesterday.

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A Long Road to Repairs

Chunks of asphalt are all that's left of Dune Road in Southampton, L.I., a week after the storm that washed away two homes and much of the beach there. Suffolk County Acting Executive Michael LoGrande said yesterday he would declare a state of emergency, but state and federal officials held out little hope of aid.

New Inspection Stations for City Cabs

By Margaret Gordy

The Taxi and Limousine Commission has chosen 10 new service stations to inspect yellow cabs in response to widespread corruption allegations against the previously licensed operators, TLC Chairman Gorman Gilbert said yesterday.

Taxi owners, however, said they expected price-gouging and demands for bribes to continue until the TLC prohibits the stations from doing both the inspection and the repairs on a cab.

Now, the commission had automatically renewed the licenses of 15

service stations, which for years have conducted the required three-month inspections of the city's 11,787 taxis. Many cabbies complain that because the stations are allowed to charge only \$5 per inspection, the operators jack up their profits by demanding unnecessary repairs to be done by their own staff at often-exorbitant prices.

"The important thing about the new system is that licenses will be reviewed yearly," said Gilbert. "No longer will people be adopted for life."

The commission has created a hot-line taxi owners can use to report any

alleged improprieties they encounter at these stations, Gilbert said. Complaints can be made during weekday office hours at (212) 302-8692.

TLC officials said only 10 stations in the city were found to meet the commission's new, higher service standards, and none of them is in Manhattan.

"There is no way only 10 stations can handle all the cabs in this city," said Bobby Arroyo, a spokesman for the United Yellow Taxi Drivers Guild. "This is also going to increase the taxi shortage, because cabs will have to leave Manhattan, where business is

heaviest, to waste a day waiting in line for an inspection."

The Independent Taxi Owners Council urged the TLC to bar the inspection stations from repairing the same cabs they review. Otherwise, said council Chairman Howard Fogel. "There's too big an incentive for them to require phony repairs."

TLC licensing chief Merrill Libbey said the commission could not reasonably set that limit on stations unless it drastically increased the inspection fees the stations can charge — an act that requires City Council approval.

Black Boycott to Hit Big Businesses

Quinones Blames Schools In Howard Beach Attack

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make them soon," Quinones said.

Among the changes Quinones has proposed is a high school race relations curriculum that includes case studies on pre-Civil War slavery, the slaughter of Armenians around World War I, the World War II Holocaust and South Africa's apartheid policy. The curriculum has not been adopted yet.

Lester, 17, one of 11 white youths who police say beat the three black men with baseball bats and tree limbs, has been formally charged with reckless endangerment.

The teenager will be in a Kew Gardens courtroom today to face sentencing on a charge of third-degree gun possession in an unrelated incident. Lester pleaded guilty to the charge in exchange for five years' probation. He had been arrested by police in August with a man in a stolen car. Police said they found a holstered gun under Lester's car seat.

In responding to a Newsday detailing how a detective may have improperly

obtained an incriminating statement from Lester, Thomas McCarthy a spokesman for Queens District Attorney John J. Santucci said, "We will oppose the suppression of any of the statements attributed to the defendant."

Det. Peter Fiorello took a statement from the youth, unaware that the teenager had demanded to see a lawyer. Sources said that although most detectives in the 106th Precinct station house knew they were precluded by law from taking a statement from Lester, Fiorello apparently wasn't told of Lester's request, sources said. Portions of the statement were later used against Lester in a Dec. 29th felony hearing.

Although McCarthy insisted there was "no foulup by police," he refused to either describe how Fiorello obtained Lester's statement or comment on a Newsday report of the events.

Frances A. Morris also contributed to this story.

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the commissioner's home will be made tomorrow, according to Assem. Roger Green (D-Brooklyn), one of the boycott organizers.

Regarding the boycott, "I think we're going to aim at big ticket items, the downtown type stores," said Jitu Weusi, a Brooklyn activist who is also one of the organizers.

"We're not going to be unreasonable. We know that people need to get milk for their babies, so I don't think we'll be including neighborhood or 'mom and pop' stores," Weusi said.

He said final plans for the Jan. 21 "day of mourning," which is being called to protest the racially motivated killing of Griffith, 23, in Howard Beach, will be made tomorrow during a meeting at the offices of Local 1199 of the Hospital and Health Care Employees Union in Manhattan.

Other protest organizers, speaking on the condition that their names not be used, said the Jan. 21 action would supersede the pizzeria boycott announced by attorney C. Vernon Mason at a news conference last Saturday. There was a feeling that the pizza-ribo announcement was made without a consensus of those who have been involved in protests over Griffith's killing, the sources

said.

Asked about the possibility of a wider boycott at a later date, Weusi, a social science teacher at Junior High School 265 in the Fort Green section of Brooklyn, said, "I think it's a very good chance."

Assem. Green said participants at tomorrow's meeting will try to target "businesses that have been a major contributor to racism in the city." As possibilities, he mentioned department stores, the media or other "industries . . . that have discriminatory hiring practices or project negative images" of blacks.

After the 1877 acquittal of Torney in the killing of Evans, Brooklyn minister Daughtry led a controversial boycott of downtown stores. For about a year, pickets distributed leaflets outside a number of major department stores.

Toward the end of 1978, a coalition of the downtown merchants agreed to a package of programs that included 10 annual Randolph Evans Scholarships for black youths. The agreement also included the funding of a Randolph Evans "crisis" fund, which received about \$400,000 over six years, said Weusi, who was the program's director.

Embattled Biaggi Is Firm

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Manhattan insurance company, and Beaumont Printing in Farmingdale, L.I. Records belonging to Biaggi and Coastal Dry Dock and Repair Corp. were also subpoenaed, law enforcement sources said.

Biaggi is under investigation for possible receipt of a payoff from Esposito in the form of a Florida vacation in return for the congressman helping Coastal, which is now in proceedings under Chapter 11 of the federal bankruptcy law in an effort to reorganize its operations. Biaggi allegedly was involved in helping the firm obtain federal contracts, sources said. Biaggi has asserted he paid for the vacation with his own American Express card and by check.

One investigator said that federal agents questioned Biaggi and Esposito about the vacation, placed a wiretap on Esposito's telephone and overheard both men in a conversation that suggested they hadn't been candid with investigators. Apparently on the basis of that conversation, federal officials disclosed in court in July that Biaggi was being investigated for obstruction of justice. But one source said there may not be enough evidence to sustain an obstruction charge.

Biaggi's attorney, Barry Slotnick, wouldn't comment on any matter pending before the Justice Department but reiterated that the Florida trip was paid for by Biaggi, although he couldn't provide dates of any payments.

Slotnick also told The Associated Press that Biaggi did "nothing other than everyday things congressmen do for their constituents." Biaggi's congressional district covers part of the Bronx and Westchester.

Pete Bowles contributed to this story.



Photo by Oliver S. Morris

Sidewalk Cafe Serves Squab

Today's special at La Petite Unidentified Woman's Grocery Cart on East 77th Street in Manhattan was a matter of some suspense to her regulars. She took her time sorting through her basket of goodies before announcing the menu. Those with early reservations tipped off their friends, who flocked in.

Moonachie, N.J., Loves a Parade

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little money . . . and in the long run it's ultimately cost-free because of industry sponsors," Dressler said. He's already had calls from two or three potential sponsors for the Giants basic — should they win the Super Bowl.

But at City Hall yesterday, Koch heard a price he liked even better.

City Council Majority Leader Peter F. Vallone said he would hold a "Giant event" should the team win Sunday's game against the Redskins that "would not cost the taxpayers a penny."

While Vallone refused to say what

the "event" might be, when Koch heard of Vallone's claim, he said: "Oh, I don't mind a proposal that doesn't cost any money. I love the Giants, even if they're in New Jersey."

"I have always said that I have great regional pride. I am not against the Giants. I hope they will win. So if Peter Vallone, in some magical way, has come up with a celebration that wouldn't cost the taxpayers of the city of New York a penny, I'm for it."

Koch also refuses to indulge in any bets with other mayors over the Giants and last week turned down San Francisco Mayor Dianne Feinstein.

who tried to get a little action on last week's game against the Gers, which the Giants won. Koch referred her to Moonachie.

Dressler accepted the San Francisco challenge and won. So now, on Jan. 16, a group of children will sing "Moonachie," the town's song, in Chinese and English on the steps of San Francisco City Hall.

What's more, Dressler has been invited to attend.

"I gotta check with my boss. I got to make a living," said Dressler, who is an equipment development engineer with RJR Nabisco. "I think it's doable."

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TO DIRECTOR FBI (194-5545) () IMMEDIATE

ATTN: PUBLIC CORRUPTION UNIT, SSA [REDACTED]

ATTN: OFFICE OF CONGRESSIONAL AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

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RENYTEL TO FBIHQ, DATED JANUARY 15, 1987.

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INTERVIEW OF [REDACTED]

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FOR INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU, INFORMATION RECEIVED BY NYO FROM

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BUREAU AUTHORITY IS REQUESTED TO INTERVIEW [REDACTED]
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ADDENDUM: CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION (CID) DMI:dag 1/20/87
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New York has requested authority to interview [redacted]
[redacted]

New York will interview [redacted] in order to determine
[redacted] involvement/knowledge of this matter.

CID concurs with New York's request to interview [redacted]

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RE TELCALL TO ASSISTANT SECTION CHIEF [REDACTED]

FEBRUARY 10, 1987.

FOR INFORMATION, [REDACTED] CHIEF OF STRIKE FORCE, EDNY,

AND SPECIAL ATTORNEY [REDACTED] EDNY, TRAVELED TO

WASHINGTON, D.C. AND MET ON FEBRUARY 10, 1987 WITH DOJ OFFICIALS AND

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ADDITIONALLY, DOJ MEETING WITH ATTORNEY FOR SUBJECT MEADE ESPOSITO IS SCHEDULED FOR INSTANT DATE BUT NO PROBLEMS ARE ANTICIPATED AS ESPOSITO'S ATTORNEY INDICATED TO DOJ OFFICIALS THAT HE WAS PURSUING MEETING ONLY AS ROUTINE MATTER.

INDICTMENT NOW ANTICIPATED TO BE RETURNED THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 23, 1987.

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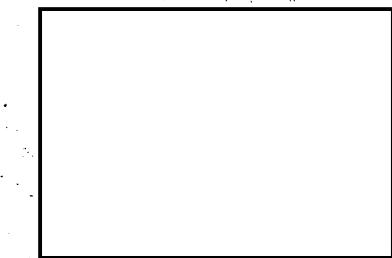
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RETELCALL TO SSA [REDACTED]

FBIHQ, ON JANUARY 14, 1987.

FOR INFO, SPECIAL ATTORNEY [REDACTED]

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- EDNY, ADVISED ON JANUARY 14, 1987 THAT [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] DUE TO FEDERAL HOLIDAY, BUT, TO DATE, HAS NOT CONFIRMED THIS
APPOINTMENT WITH DOJ..

ALSO ON JANUARY 14, 1987, [REDACTED] ATTORNEY FOR MEADE

ESPOSITO, WAS IN CONTACT WITH [REDACTED] CHIEF

OF STRIKE FORCE, EDNY. AT THAT TIME, [REDACTED] WAS ADVISED OF

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THE RIGHT TO MAKE HIS OWN APPEAL ON BEHALF OF ESPOSITO.

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SYNOPSIS: Prior to approving the indictment of New York former Kings County Democratic Chairman Meade Esposito, the Department of Justice (DOJ) has requested that [redacted] be interviewed. The interviews will focus on [redacted]

DETAILS: On 12/12/86, the Strike Force, Eastern District of New York (EDNY), forwarded a prosecution memorandum to the DOJ for approval of an indictment of [REDACTED] Esposito.

Since 1/6/87, the proposed indictment has received widespread media attention. Based on the specificity of the media information, the Strike Force, EDNY, requested that the DOJ initiate an investigation to determine the source of the leak of Federal grand jury information.

CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS: On 1/8/87, the DOJ requested that prior to approving the indictment, [REDACTED] be interviewed.

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Pending your approval, arrangements will be made to conduct the above interviews as soon as possible.

Concerning the Strike Force request for DOJ to initiate an investigation to determine the source of the leak of information to the media, on 1/12/87, DOJ contacted Office of Professional Responsibility, FBI. DOJ advised that a letter from DOJ requesting an investigation would be forthcoming.

I will keep you advised of developments in this matter.

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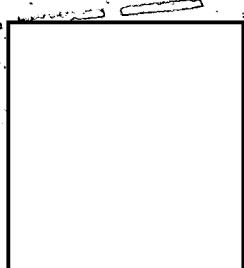
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FOR THE INFORMATION OF LOS ANGELES, CAPTIONED MATTER IS A
MULTI-FACETED POLITICAL CORRUPTION INVESTIGATION INVOLVING FORMER
BROOKLYN DEMOCRATIC PARTY CHAIRMAN MEADE ESPOSITO AND NUMEROUS
OTHER FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL OFFICIALS. ONE AREA OF
INVESTIGATIVE INTEREST IS BEAUMONT OFFSET CORPORATION, A
FARMINGDALE, NEW YORK, PRINTING COMPANY IN WHICH ESPOSITO
[REDACTED] ARE PARTNERS. [REDACTED] ESPOSITO [REDACTED] HAVE
EXTENSIVE ORGANIZED CRIME CONNECTIONS.

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TO DIRECTOR FBI (194-5545) () ROUTINE

ATTN: SSA [REDACTED] PUBLIC CORRUPTION UNIT

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RENYOTELCAL TO SSA [REDACTED] DATED MARCH 9, 1987.

FOR INFORMATION ANTICIPATED INDICTMENT OF SUBJECTS MEADE

ESPOSITO [REDACTED] POSTPONED. [REDACTED]

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CRIMINAL DIVISION, DOJ.

HAS AGREED TO REVIEW PROSECUTION MEMO PREVIOUSLY PREPARED BY STRIKE [REDACTED]

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FORCE, EDNY, AND ANTICIPATES REVIEW TO BE COMPLETED WITHIN TWO DAYS.

NEXT POSSIBLE DATE FOR PRESENTATION TO FGJ, EDNY, IS MARCH 12, 1987.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (194-5545)
(ATTN: SSA [REDACTED])
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION,
WHITE COLLAR CRIMES,
PUBLIC CORRUPTION UNIT)

FROM ASAC, NEW YORK (194C-526-SUB BBB) (P) (C-12)

SUBJECT: RUNNYMEDE;
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Enclosed for the Bureau is an original and five copies
of an LHM concerning [REDACTED]

The Bureau is requested to disseminate a copy of the LHM
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JUDGE:

RE: **RUNNYMEDE**
HOBBS ACT - CPO; RICO;
OO: NEW YORK

SYNOPSIS: On 2/5/87 [redacted]

[redacted] were interviewed by the New York Office. No new information was developed which would benefit the investigation.

DETAILS: On 12/12/86, the Strike Force, Eastern District of New York (EDNY), forwarded a prosecution memorandum to the Department of Justice (DOJ) for approval of an indictment of [redacted] former Kings County Democratic Chairman Meade Esposito. Subsequently, DOJ requested that the above interviews be conducted prior to approval of the indictment.

CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS: As stated above, the interviews of [redacted] b6 b7c As of this date, all evidence has been presented to the Federal grand jury, EDNY. New York anticipates that [redacted] Esposito will be indicted during the week of 2/16/87.

I will keep you advised of developments in this matter.

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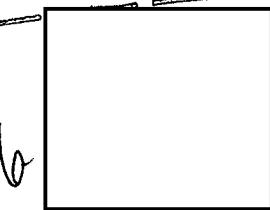
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REACTION TO INDICTMENTS OF

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~~REGARDING THEIR~~

ORGANIZED CRIME /STRIKE FORCE,

EDNY, HAS REQUESTED THE FBI TO CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INTERVIEWS.

Per telephonic instructions to NY on 4-15-87,
NY advised to hold these interviews in
abeyance until such time they can
be justified.

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REQUEST OF THE BUREAU

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THE BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO AUTHORIZE NYD AGENTS TO CONDUCT
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12 RE NEW YORK TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU, DATED JANUARY 13,

1987 AND MAY 14, 1987, BUREAU TELETYPE TO NEW YORK, DATED

10 JANUARY 15, 1987 AND TELCAL OF BUREAU SSA [REDACTED] AND

NEW YORK SSA [REDACTED] ON MAY 18, 1987.

8 ON JANUARY 13, 1987, NEW YORK REQUESTED AND WAS GRANTED

AUTHORITY TO INTERVIEW [REDACTED] THE

6 PURPOSE OF THE INTERVIEW, AS ARTICULATED BY NEW YORK, WAS TO

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A DETERMINATION WAS MADE BY NEW YORK TO HOLD [REDACTED]

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INTERVIEW IN ABEYANCE.

ON MAY 13, 1987, [REDACTED] ATTORNEY IN CHARGE,
STRIKE FORCE, EASTERN DISTRICT OF NY, ADVISED NEW YORK THAT HE
WAS PREPARING TO INTERVIEW [REDACTED] REQUESTED THAT
THE FBI ASSIST HIM IN CONDUCTING THE INTERVIEW. BASED ON
REFERENCED TELEPHONE CALL, IT WAS DETERMINED THAT THE INTERVIEW
WAS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR MAY 27, 1987.

PER REFERENCE TELCAL, NEW YORK WAS ADVISED THAT SINCE THE
FOCUS OF THE [REDACTED] INTERVIEW IS THE SAME AS SET OUT ABOVE,
PRIOR AUTHORITY TO INTERVIEW [REDACTED] IS APPLICABLE.

NEW YORK IS REQUESTED TO GIVE FBIHQ AT LEAST 24 HOURS
ADVANCE NOTICE OF THE INTERVIEW. IN ADDITION, NEW YORK SHOULD
PROVIDE FBIHQ WITH INTERVIEW RESULTS AS EXPEDITIOUSLY AS
POSSIBLE.

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Date JUN 11 1987

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (194-5545)
 (ATTN: ENGINEERING SECTION, TECHNICAL SERVICES DIVISION)

FROM: TADIC, NEW YORK (194C-526) (P) (C-12)

SUBJECT: RUNNYMEDE;
 HOBBS ACT-CPO; RICO;
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For information, on 3/16/87, the Federal Grand Jury,
 Eastern District of New York (EDNY), returned a true bill of
 indictment charging [REDACTED] MEADE ESPOSITO, former Brooklyn
 Democratic Party Leader, [REDACTED]
 with bribery, conspiracy, ITAR and OOJ.

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TO DIRECTOR FBI (194-5545) () PRIORITY

ATTN: WHITE COLLAR CRIME

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ATTN: PUBLIC CORRUPTION UNIT

ATTN: SSA [redacted]

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D RUNNEMEDE: HOBBS ACT-CPO: RICO: OO: NEW YORK

REFERENCE CONVERSATION BETWEEN SSA [redacted]

AND SA [redacted]

[redacted] ON JUNE 18, 1987 AT NYO, FBI, NY TELETYPE TO BUREAU, DATED

MAY 14, 1987 AND BUREAU TELETYPE TO NY, DATED MAY 21, 1987.

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ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY LENNY MICHAELS, ORGANIZED CRIME STRIKE FORCE, EDNY, HAS REQUESTED NYO AGENTS TO INTERVIEW [redacted]

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[REDACTED] IN CONNECTION WITH THE SCHEDULED
TRIAL OF [REDACTED] MEADE ESPOSITO FOR INFORMATION OF BUREAU
TRIAL DATE FOR [REDACTED] MEADE ESPOSITO HAS BEEN SET
FOR AUGUST 24, 1987.

AUTHORITY IS REQUESTED TO INTERVIEW THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS:

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ADDENDUM: CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION (CID) DMI:mas 6/22/87

New York has requested authority to interview [redacted] in conjunction with the criminal trials of [redacted] former Kings County Democratic Leader Meade Esposito. The New York Office was requested to conduct said interviews by Assistant United States Attorney Lenny Michaels, Organized Crime Strike Force, Eastern District of New York.

[redacted] will be interviewed are [redacted]
[redacted] Justification for the interviews is set forth in the attached teletype.

It should be noted that none of the above-named [redacted] are subjects in this matter.

CID concurs with this request.

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ADDENDUM: OFFICE OF CONGRESSIONAL AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS,

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The Office of Congressional and Public Affairs interposes no objection to the interviews of [redacted] identified in this teletype. In the event significant information is developed regarding any of the named [redacted] [redacted] requests copies of memorandums documenting the information.

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JUDGE:

RE: RUMNYMEDE;
HOBBS ACT-CPO;
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OO: NEW YORK

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SYNOPSIS: U.S. Attorney (USA) Andrew J. Maloney, Eastern District of New York (EDNY) signed the proposed indictment of former Brooklyn political leader Meade H. Esposito.

Indictment anticipated for 3/12/87, with public announcement on 3/12/87 or 3/13/87.

DETAILS: On 3/9/87, USA Maloney, EDNY, signed the proposed 7-count Federal grand jury (FGJ) indictment

The proposed indictment includes Meade H. Esposito, former Chairman, Kings County (Brooklyn) Democratic Committee, charging him with Conspiracy, Bribery, Offering of Gratuities, ITAR-Bribery and OOJ. The proposed indictment had already been approved by DOJ.

The EDNY is expected to assemble the FGJ for a vote on Thursday, 3/12/87, with the indictment anticipated. A public announcement could occur on 3/12/87, but in all likelihood will be made on Friday, 3/13/87, absent any further unexpected delay.

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RE: RUNNymeDE;
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OO: NEW YORK

CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS. USA Malonev FDNY signed the proposed
7-count indictment [redacted]

[redacted] The indictment includes former Brooklyn
political Leader Meade H. Esposito. [redacted]

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[redacted] Indictment anticipated for 3/12/87, with public [redacted]
announcement on 3/12/87 or 3/13/87.

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FD-515a (Rev. 3-28-85)
ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORT
 (Effective 10/1/85)
 (Submit within 30 days from date of accomplishment)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: ADIC, New York
 SUBJECT: RUNNymeDE;
 HOBBS ACT-CPO;
 RICO;
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194-5545
Bureau File Number
194C-526
Field Office File Number
C-12
Squad or RA Number
Agent's Social Security No.

X if a joint operation with:

(identity of other agency)
 X if case involves corruption of a public official (Federal, State or Local).

Investigative Assistance or Technique Used
 Were any of the investigative assistance or techniques listed below used in connection with accomplishment being claimed? No Yes - If Yes, rate each used as follows:

1 = Used, but did not help 3 = Helped, substantially
 2 = Helped, but only minimally 4 = Absolutely essential

1. Accdg Tech Assistance	8. Eng. Sect. Tape Exams	15. Photographic Coverage	22. Telephone Toll Recs
2. Aircraft Assistance	9. Hypnosis Assistance	16. Polygraph Assistance	23. UCO Group I
3. Computer Assistance	10. Ident Div Assistance	17. Search Warrant Executed	24. UCO Group II
4. Consensual Monitoring	11. Informant Information	18. Show Money Usage	25. UC Other
5. ELSUR - FISC	12. Lab Div Exams	19. Surveil. Sqd. (SOG) Asst	26. NCAVC/ VI-CAP
6. ELSUR - Title III	13. Lab Div Field Suppor	20. SWAT Team Action	27. Visual Inv. Analysis
7. Eng. Sect. Field Suppor	14. Pen Registers	21. Tech. Agt. or Tech Equip	

A. Preliminary Judicial Process (Number of subjects)	-Complaints	Informations	Indictments	D. Recoveries, Restitutions, or Potential Economic Loss Prevented (PELP) (Explain valuation in remarks)		
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Property Type Code*

Recoveries

Restitutions

PELP Type Code*

Potential Economic Loss Prevented

B. Arrests, Locates, Summonses or Subpoenas Served (No. of Sub.)

FBI Arrests -	Subject Priority*			Subpoenas Served	\$	\$	\$
	A	B	C				
FBI Locates -							
Local Arrests -				Criminal Summons			
FBI Subj. Related	Armed			Local Crim. Summons			

C. Release of Hostages or Children Located: (Number of Hostages or Children Located)

Hostages Held By Terrorists	All Other Hostage Situations	Missing or Kidnapped Children Located	E. Civil Matters		Government Defendant	Government Plaintiff
			Amount of Suit	Settlement or Award	\$	\$
			\$	\$		Enter AFA Payment Here

F. Final Judicial Process: Judicial District

District			State			Conviction or Pretrial Div. Date			Sentence Date			No. of Subjects	Acquited	Dismissed
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Attach additional forms if reporting final judicial process on more than four subjects, and submit a final disposition form (R-84) for each subject.

Remarks: (For every subject reported in Sections A, B or F above, provide name, DOB, race*, sex, and POB and SSAN if available.)

On 3/16/87, Federal Grand Jury, Eastern District of New York, Brooklyn, NY, returned true bill of indictment charging [redacted] with bribery, ITAR, OOJ, and conspiracy [redacted]

MEADE H. DEPOSITO; DOB: 1/1/87; POB: Brooklyn, NY; Race: White; Sex: Male;
 SSAN: [redacted]

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2. Bureau (1- 66-8492) (1- 194C-526)
 2. Field Office
 * See codes on reverse side.

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Property Type Codes*

Code	Description
1	Cash (U.S. and foreign currency)
2	Stock, Bonds or Negotiable Instruments (checks, travelers checks, money orders, certificates of deposit, etc)
3	General Retail Merchandise (clothing, food, liquor, cigarettes, TVs, etc)
4	Vehicles (autos, trucks, tractors, trailers, campers, motorcycles, etc)
5	Heavy Machinery & Equipment (heavy equipment, computers, etc)
6	Bulk Materials (grain, fuel, raw materials, metals, wire, etc)
7	Jewelry (including unset precious and semiprecious stones)
8	Precious Metals (gold, silver, silverware, platinum, etc)
9	Art, Antiques or Rare Collections
11	Weapons or Explosives
20	All Other Recoveries (not falling in any category above)

Potential Economic Loss Prevented (PELP) Type Codes*

Code	Description
22	Counterfeit Stocks, Bonds, Currency or Negotiable Instruments
23	Counterfeit or Pirated Sound Recordings or Motion Pictures
24	Bank Theft Scheme Aborted
25	Ransom, Extortion or Bribe Demand Aborted
26	Theft from, or Fraud Against, Government Scheme Aborted
27	Commercial or Industrial Theft Scheme Aborted
30	All Other Potential Economic Loss Prevented (not falling in any category above)

* Except for cash, the Remarks section must contain an explanation of the computation of the recovery value or loss prevented. An explanation airtel must accompany this report if the recovery is \$1 million or more, or if the PELP is \$5 million or more.

Subject Description Codes*
- Enter Description Code Only When Reporting a Conviction -

Organized Crime Subjects:

- 1A Boss, Underboss or Consigliere
- 1B Capodecina or Soldier
- 1C Possible LCN Member or Associate
- 1D OC Subject Other Than LCN

Known Criminals (Other Than OC Members):

- 2A Top Ten or I.O. Fugitive
- 2B Top Thief
- 2C Top Con Man

Foreign Nationals:

- 3A Legal Alien
- 3B Illegal Alien
- 3C Foreign Official Without Diplomatic Immunity
- 3D U.N. Employee Without Diplomatic Immunity
- 3E Foreign Students
- 3F All Others

Terrorists:

- 4A Known Member of a Terrorist Organization
- 4B Possible Terrorist Member or Sympathizer

* If a subject can be classified in more than one of the categories, select the most appropriate in the circumstance.

Union Members:

- 5A International or National Officer
- 5B Local Officer
- 5C Union Employee

Government Officials Or Employees:

Federal	State	Local
6A Presidential Appointee	6J Governor	6R Mayor
6B U.S. Senator	6K Lt. Governor	6S Legislator
6C U.S. Representative	6L Legislator	6T Judge
6D Judge	6M Judge	6U Prosecutor
6E Prosecutor	6N Prosecutor	6V Law Enforcement Offic
6F Law Enforcement Officer	6P Law Enforcement Officer	6W All Others - Local
6G Fed Empl - GS 13 & above	6Q All Others - State	
6H Fed Empl - GS 12 & below		

Bank Officers or Employees:

- 7A Bank Officer
- 7B Bank Employee

All Others:

- 8A All Other Subjects (not fitting above categories)

Instructions**Subject Priorities for FBI Arrest or Locates:**

- A - Subject wanted for crimes of violence (i.e. murder, manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery and aggravated assault) or convicted of such crimes in the past five years.
- B - Subjects wanted for crimes involving the loss or destruction of property valued in excess of \$25,000 or convicted of such crimes in the past five years.
- C - All others

Claiming Non-Federal Arrests, Summons, Recoveries or Convictions:

It is permissible to claim a local arrest, summons, recovery or conviction if the FBI significantly contributed to the accomplishment. A succinct narrative setting forth the basis for the claim must accompany this report. When claiming a local recovery, enter the word "LOCAL" to the right of the amount. Enter "LF" in the "In-Jail" block for all life sentences and "CP" for capital punishment sentences.

Reporting Convictions:

Convictions should not be reported until the sentence has been issued. There are two exceptions to this rule. The conviction information can be submitted by itself if:

- 1. The subject becomes a fugitive after conviction but prior to sentencing.
- 2. The subject dies after conviction but prior to sentencing.
- An explanation is required in the Remarks section for either of the above exceptions.

Rule 20 Situations:

- The field office that obtained the process (normally the office of origin) is the office that should claim the conviction, not the office where the subject enters the plea in cases involving Rule 20 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedures.

Investigative Assistance or Techniques (IA/Ts) Used:

- Since more than one IA/T could have contributed to the accomplishment, each IA/T used must be rated.
- The IA/T used must be rated each time an accomplishment is claimed. (For example - if informant information was the basis for a complaint, an arrest, a recovery and a conviction and if separate FD-515s are submitted for each of the aforementioned accomplishments, the "Informant Information" block must be rated on each FD-515 even if it was the same information that contributed to all the accomplishments.)

Race Codes:

- C = Chinese; I = Indian/American; J = Japanese; N = Negro; O = All other; U = Unknown; W = White

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FM FBI NEW YORK (194C-526) (P) (C-12)

TO DIRECTOR FBI (194-5545) ROUTINE

ATTN: SSA [redacted]

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RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO NEW YORK, DATED MAY 18, 1987.

ON JUNE 22, 1987, INTERVIEW OF [redacted]

[redacted] WAS CONDUCTED BY FBI AND TWO ATTORNEYS FROM ORGANIZED CRIME STRIKE FORCE, EDNY. AS PER INSTRUCTIONS SET FORTH IN REFERENCED TELETYPE, RESULTS OF INTERVIEW SUMMARIZED AS FOLLOWS:

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DUE TO A PRIOR ENGAGEMENT, THE INTERVIEW WITH [REDACTED] WAS
INTERRUPTED BEFORE IT COULD BE DETERMINED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
AGREED TO COMPLETE THE INTERVIEW AT A LATER DATE.

FBIHQ WILL BE ADVISED WHEN THIS INTERVIEW IS SCHEDULED AND
RESULTS WILL BE FURNISHED EXPEDITIOUSLY.

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RE NYTELCAL FROM SSA [REDACTED] TO FBIHQ SSA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ON MAY 29, 1987.

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FOR INFORMATION OF FBIHQ, DURING A STATUS HEARING BEFORE THE
HONORABLE JUDGE JACK B. WEINSTEIN, U.S. DISTRICT COURT, EASTERN
DISTRICT OF NEW YORK (EDNY); [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MEADE ESPOSITO COMPLAINED ABOUT A NEWS LEAK THE WEEK OF
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~~TO ACTING DIRECTOR (194-5545) (IMMEDIATE)~~

ATTN: PUBLIC CORRUPTION UNIT

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RE AUGUST 25, 1987, TELCALL FROM SSA

TO ACTING SSA NYO.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF FBIHQ. ON AUGUST 24, 1987, A JURY

CONSISTING OF NINE MEN AND THREE WOMEN WAS SELECTED IN THE

EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK (EDNY) IN CONNECTION WITH THE TRIAL

OF MEADE ESPOSITO FOLLOWING

THE SELECTION OF JURORS. U.S. DISTRICT COURT JUDGE JACK WEINSTEIN

ANNOUNCED THAT TRIAL WILL COMMENCE IN THE EONY AT 10:00 AM. ON

AUGUST 31, 1987.

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FOR THE FURTHER INFORMATION OF FBIHQ. ABOVE MATTER IS

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ARTICLES REGARDING THE TRIAL WILL BE TRANSMITTED TO THE BUREAU
VIA FACSIMILE WHEN RECEIVED.

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FM FBI NEW YORK (1940-526) (P) (C-12)

TO DIRECTOR FBI (194-5545) PRIORITY

ATTN: WHITE COLLAR CRIME

ATTN: PUBLIC CORRUPTION UNIT

ATTN: SSA [redacted]

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REFERENCE TELCALL FROM SA [redacted] TO SSA [redacted]

ON JULY 24, 1987, NEW YORK TELETYPE TO BUREAU, DATED JUNE 20, 1987,
AND BUREAU TELETYPE TO NEW YORK, DATED JULY 2, 1987.

SPECIAL ATTORNEY [redacted]

ORGANIZED CRIME STRIKE

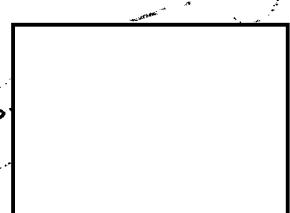
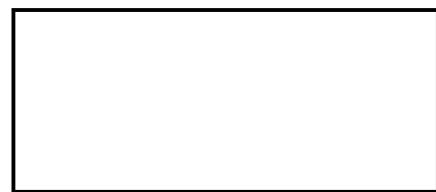
FORCE, EDNY, HAS REQUESTED NYO AGENTS TO INTERVIEW [redacted]

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[REDACTED] IN CONNECTION WITH

THE SCHEDULED TRIAL OF [REDACTED]

MEADE ESPOSITO. FOR INFORMATION OF BUREAU, TRIAL DATE FOR [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ESPOSITO HAS BEEN SET FOR AUGUST 24, 1987.

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ADDENDUM: CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION, 7/28/87 DMT KSW *DJH*

New York has requested authority to interview [redacted] concerning this matter.

[redacted] is not considered a subject in this case. The interview will focus on [redacted] with Meade Esposito and specifically on any request by Esposito [redacted]

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The Office of Congressional Affairs has been apprised of this request.

CID concurs with New York's request to interview [redacted]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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DATE: 6/11/87

TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (194-5545)
ATTN: LABORATORY DIVISION SPECIAL PROJECTS SECTION
EOM 1B 224, [REDACTED]
ATTN: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

FROM: [Signature] NEW YORK (194C-526) (P) (C-12)

SUBJECT: RUNNYMEDE,
HOBBES ACT-CPO;
OO: NY

Re 4/20/87 telcall of NY SA [REDACTED] to [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] FBIHQ.

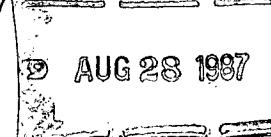
Enclosed for the Laboratory Division are the following documents:

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Enclosed for the Identification Division are twenty-nine (29) Identification Record Requests (FD-9).

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via O-7 to NY 6-23-87



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① - Identification Division) (Enc. 29)
1 - New York

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For the information of the Bureau, [redacted]
[redacted] former Brooklyn Democratic Party leader
NEADE ESPOSITO were indicted by Federal Grand Jury, EDNY, on
3/16/87, on Bribery, ITAR, COJ and Conspiracy charges. [redacted]

For the further information of the Bureau, trial in
this matter is scheduled to begin in the EDNY on 7/6/87. Defense
motions for postponement of trial date have been consistently
denied by the trial Judge and no such postponement is anticipated
by the government at this time.

REQUEST OF THE BUREAU

Laboratory Division

The Laboratory Division, Special Projects Section, is
requested to expeditiously prepare two charts suitable for use at
the above trial, one chart incorporating the information on
Document 1 and the other chart incorporating the information on
Document 2. Any suggestions by FBIHQ regarding the preparation
of these charts will be welcomed by the NYC. Point of contact at
NYO is SA [redacted] or SA [redacted]

Identification Division

The Identification Division is requested to
expeditiously conduct the enclosed Identification Record Requests
and furnish the results to New York prior to 7/6/87.

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TO DIRECTOR FBI (194-5524) IMMEDIATE

FBI MIAMI IMMEDIATE

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REFERENCE AUGUST 5, 1987, TELEPHONE CALL BETWEEN NEW YORK

ACTING SUPERVISORY SPECIAL AGENT (SSA) [REDACTED] AND MIAMI

ASAC I.C. SMITH.

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THIS WILL CONFIRM CONCURRENCE OF SAC, MIAMI CONVEYED IN

REFERENCED TELEPHONE CALL TO TRAVEL OF NEW YORK OFFICE SPECIAL AGENT.

[REDACTED] TO FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, FOR THE PURPOSE OF

ASSISTING IN PRE-TRIAL INTERVIEWS OF [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] WITNESSES IN THE AUGUST 24, 1987 TRIAL

OF [REDACTED] MEADE ESPOSITO. [REDACTED]

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY-IN-CHARGE, ORGANIZED CRIME STRIKE FORCE, EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK, WILL ALSO PARTICIPATE IN THE INTERVIEWS OF THESE INDIVIDUALS.

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[REDACTED] AND SA [REDACTED] WILL ARRIVE IN FT. LAUDERDALE,

FLORIDA, ON AUGUST 6, 1987, AND WILL STAY AT THE HOWARD JOHNSON MOTOR LODGE RT AIA, FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, TELEPHONE (305)

389-3300 THE EVENING OF AUGUST 6, 1987. [REDACTED] ARE SCHEDULED TO DEPART FT. LAUDERDALE FOR NEW YORK ON AUGUST 7, 1987.

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TO DIRECTOR FBI IMMEDIATE

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RE AUGUST 7, 1987 TELCALL BETWEEN NEW YORK (NY) ACTING

SUPERVISORY SPECIAL AGENT (ASSA) [REDACTED] AND WFO SAC W.

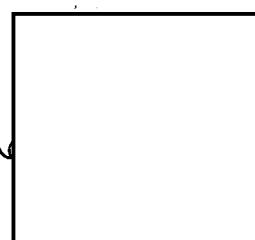
DOUGLAS GOW, AND AUGUST 7, 1987 TELCALL BETWEEN ASSA [REDACTED] AND

ALEXANDRIA ACTING SAC FRED SPIDELL.

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THIS WILL CONFIRM CONCURRENCE OF SAC'S WFO AND ALEXANDRIA,
CONVEYED IN RETELCALLS, TO TRAVEL OF ASSA TURKAVAGE TO WASHINGTON,

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D.C. AND ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASSISTING [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SPECIAL ATTORNEY, STRIKE FORCE, EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK, IN CONDUCTING PRE-TRIAL INTERVIEWS OF PROSPECTIVE WITNESSES IN UPCOMING TRIAL OF MEADE ESPOSITO [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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FOR INFORMATION [REDACTED] WILL ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON, D.C. AREA THE EVENING OF AUGUST 9, 1987, AND WILL DEPART WASHINGTON, D.C. FOR NY THE EVENING OF AUGUST 11, 1987. WHILE IN WASHINGTON, D.C., ASSA [REDACTED] CAN BE CONTACTED AT [REDACTED]

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Esposito-Biaggi Trial Under Way

Two Described As 'Deal Maker,' 'Compromised'

By Pete Bowles

Former Brooklyn Democratic leader Meade Esposito was described as an "old deal maker" and Rep. Mario Biaggi as a congressman who "allowed himself to be compromised" as their bribery and conspiracy trial opened yesterday.

"Meade Esposito is an old deal maker — one whose way of life is contacts and contracts and opening doors," Edward McDonald, chief of the Organized Crime Strike Force in Brooklyn, said of the 80-year-old Esposito, who retired in 1984 after heading the Brooklyn Democratic organization for 14 years. "He is a man who expects something in return for everything he does."

McDonald charged that Biaggi, 69, the senior member of the city's congressional delegation with 19 years in Congress, had "corruptly accepted bribes and gratuities from Esposito and cheated the government out of his fair and impartial service" by agreeing to use his influence to assist Coastal Dry Dock and Repair Corp., which has since collapsed.

Neither defendant showed any emotion — Esopo-

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Edward McDonald gives his opening statements, center, as Esposito and Biaggi listen.

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sito chewed on an empty cigarholder — as McDonald outlined the charges against them. The two longtime political powers are charged with having conspired to defraud the United States and violate federal bribery statutes in order to secure assistance for Coastal, the ship-repair company insured by Esposito's brokerage firm.

The opening statements by attorneys in Brooklyn federal court came after U.S. District Court Judge Jack B. Weinstein denied defense motions

that the jury be disbanded and replaced on the ground that prosecutors had deliberately excluded persons of Italian descent.

Esposito is charged with paying for Biaggi and a woman friend to vacation at a Florida health spa in 1984 and with arranging to pay for a second trip a year later as part of an alleged agreement in which Biaggi used his influence to help Coastal. As part of the alleged conspiracy, the indictment said, Esposito also treated Biaggi and the woman, Barbara Barlow, to a five-

day trip to St. Maarten.

In their opening statements, defense attorneys described the two defendants as longtime friends who helped Coastal out of a desire to save the company — a major employer in Brooklyn with 2,000 employees — and help the community.

"Mario Biaggi was indicted essentially because he was doing his job," said Biaggi's attorney, Barry Slotnick.

Esposito's attorney, Edward Brodsky, called his client a "savvy political figure" who often treated friends and public figures to trips and other forms of entertainment.

"If Meade Esposito wants to ask a congressman to do something that is perfectly proper to do, knowing all these politicians, he doesn't have to pay him a bribe to do something that is perfectly proper in the first place," Brodsky said.

McDonald said Esposito sought Biaggi's assistance in 1984 to help Coastal with problems it was having with the city — which was considering evicting Coastal from the Brooklyn Navy Yard for nonpayment of utility bills — and with the Navy, which was disputing payment claims filed by Coastal.

"Meade Esposito stood to lose a lot if Coastal went out of business," said McDonald, pointing out that it one of the largest clients of Esposito's insurance brokerage firm — Serres, Visone & Rice. "He turned to Biaggi in a corrupt way in which he got Mario Biaggi to use his influence for Coastal Dry Dock in return for free vacations."

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Biaggi's defense: just doing his job

By JEFFREY CAPRIO

Daily News Staff Writer

A federal prosecutor yesterday painted Bronx Congressman Mario Biaggi and his long-time pal Meade Esposito, the Brooklyn Democratic boss, as corrupt pols who traded favors to try to bail out a failing ship-repair firm, Coastal Dry Dock.

"They tried to create jobs for Brooklyn," Esposito's lawyer, Edward Brodsky, told an eight-man, four-woman jury as the politicians' bribery trial opened in a packed Brooklyn Federal Court room.

Biaggi, a Democrat, "was indicted essentially because he was doing his job," said his attorney, Barry Slotnick, who charged that the "ambition of a federal prosecutor to convict a congressman" is the reason his client is on trial.

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Family appearance

Biaggi's four children, Jacqueline, Barbara, Mario Jr., and Richard, who faces racketeering charges with his father in Manhattan stemming from the Wedtech scandal, were among the spectators who filled the courtroom of Chief Judge Jack Weinstein.

Esposito's grandson, Robert Zito, who is a member of Brodsky's law firm, was the only Esposito family member to attend the session.

"It's not what they did, but why they did it," said Organized Crime Strike Force chief Edward McDonald, who told the jurors that the veteran political allies were partners in a corrupt scheme to defraud the government and the public.

"That's what this case is all about," said McDonald, "the way in which Meade Esposito turned to Mario Biaggi, the corrupt way, and the corrupt way in which Biaggi allowed himself to be compromised."

McDonald described Esposito as an "old deal maker" who "expects something in return for everything he does."

'Free vacations'

"We're not saying there's something wrong with a congressman helping a financially troubled company, it's why he helped Coastal. You'll find that he helped because Esposito asked him and because he gave him free vacations," McDonald said.

Esposito is charged with paying for a 1984 Florida vacation for Biaggi and former model Barbara Barlow and agreeing to pay for one the couple took the following year. In return, Biaggi allegedly agreed to use his con-

gressional influence on behalf of Coastal, which went bankrupt last year owing Esposito's insurance firm \$613,000 in premiums.

In his remarks, Slotnick implored the jurors not to hold Biaggi's extramarital relationship with Barlow against him. "The fact that Congressman Biaggi traveled with a woman who is not his wife is not part of this case," said Slotnick.

If convicted, the defendants face fines and 15 years in prison. The trial is expected to last two weeks.

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LEADER MEADE ESPOSITO WILL BE SENTENCED BY USDC JUDGE JACK

WEINSTEIN ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1987, AT 9:30 AM. ESPOSITO WAS

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Biaggi put on hold

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Conviction has cut power

ADAM HACONIN BY

The Washington Times

WASHINGTON—Overwhelmed by legal difficulties and faced with punishment by his own colleagues, Rep. Mario Biaggi (D-Bronx) is going through the motions of office—attending hearings, delivering speeches and issuing press releases—even as pow-

er slips away from him.

Biaggi, 70, the senior member of New York's congressional delegation, has at-
tended to keep up a working
pace despite the fact that he has been barred from voting or
participating over the two sub-
sequent days of the hearing.

"People look at him as history," said one congressional source who requested anonymity. "He's making a valiant effort to make it look like he's doing his job. There's a great deal of sympathy for Mario. But I don't think anyone respects him as a player."

"People would probably

not be as likely to get in touch with him," said Garry Timmons, a lobbyist for the National Education Association.

Since he was found guilty Sept. 22 in Brooklyn federal court for accepting an illegal gratuity, Biaggi has kept up his regular morning appearances on the House floor to deliver remarks on pet topics.

Impressing constituents
But these are speeches that usually have little to do with decision-making in the House, rather they are a chance for the lawmaker to get his remarks in the Congressional Record and impress constituents.

Biaggi also appears at committee hearings—the other day, he joined a vigorous debate at a joint congressional hearing on overseas schools—and a House Education Committee aide said that Biaggi's staff played an active role in

negotiating the extension of the Older Americans Act, which provides a variety of help programs for senior citizens.

"I haven't had any issues where he was unable to help," said Judy Chester, head of New York City's lobbying office. "If it's in his jurisdiction, my feeling is he's still a member of Congress and I'm alerting his office."

"I don't see him slowing down," insists Rep. Gary Ackerman (D-Queens). "He's on the floor all the time. He seems strong."

But, Ackerman conceded, "A lot of it (Biaggi's activity) has to do with keeping his morale up." And colleagues and lobbyists said Biaggi's influence has significantly waned.

Some of the victories in which Biaggi can claim a hand—like the Older Americans Act—were in the pipeline before his conviction.

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Monte Biaggi

Colleagues say his greater influence is due more largely to his personal popularity and a sympathetic factor based on the fact he was convicted on a technicality.

Biaggi was sentenced to 20 months in prison on Nov. 4, but is out pending appeal. The House ethics committee is likely to recommend shortly what penalties to impose on him. The toughest would be expulsion.

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